Housing and Residence Life – COVID 19 Addendum

Instrumental to the mission of Housing and Residence Life (HRL) at WSSU is to provide safe, secure, and comfortable living conditions which are conducive to the pursuit of academic excellence. The Department of Housing and Residence Life at WSSU seeks to deliver its mission with the health and safety of all residents being paramount. As a resident with Housing and Residence Life at Winston-Salem State University, the novel COVID-19 virus will have an impact on your residential experience. The below guidelines and procedures apply to all residential students to promote health and safety and to slow the spread of the novel COVID-19 virus on the Winston-Salem State University Campus.

Winston-Salem State University may adjust the housing services schedule contained herein, temporarily close, and/or place restrictions on the use of housing facilities as necessary in Winston-Salem State University’s sole discretion to preserve the health and safety of residents and the greater campus community. In the event of temporary closures, restrictions, and/or adjustments to the housing services schedule, Winston-Salem State University shall not have the obligation to issue a partial refund or credit for such interruptions or adjustments. Furthermore, during a health and safety emergency certain companies or staff contracted by Winston-Salem State University to provide certain services to campus housing facilities may not be available or may be significantly limited.

Community of Respect – It is expected that all members of the WSSU HRL community demonstrate respect for one another by demonstrating honesty, integrity, and civility. In the interest of the health of both residential students and Housing and Residence Life staff members and contractors, residential students are prohibited by engaging in conduct that creates a health or safety hazard within all Winston-Salem State University residential spaces both on or off campus. In the event, Winston-Salem State University requires a resident to vacate their housing assignment or move housing assignments, residents will be responsible for removing all valuable personal items at that time. In certain circumstances, Winston-Salem State University may remove possessions and/or furnishings from housing assignments for those assignments to be used for other emergency purposes. Winston-Salem State University will not be responsible for loss or damage to a resident’s personal items that must be moved and stored in such instances.

Health and Safety – As Winston-Salem State University responds to the novel COVID-19 or similar health crisis, residential students are expected to comply with health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations, and guidance adopted by Winston-Salem State University. This may include face mask or social distancing guidance, limits on mass gatherings, changes to the visitation policy, testing, quarantine and isolation procedure. Compliance with all health and safety guidelines extends to both residential students and all Housing and Residence Life staff members. Furthermore, due to a health and safety emergency, including the COVID-19 outbreak, residents may not be able to occupy campus housing or the resident’s use of campus housing facilities may be significantly restricted.

Quarantine and Isolation - At any time, the University may request or require vacating their residence hall assignment when their presence may pose a risk to the health and safety of other members within the residential community. All residential students are required to comply with request from Housing and Residence Life officials if asked to leave their assigned space due to a public health emergency including COVID 19. Failure to adhere to these requests may subject a student to emergency removal or termination of the resident’s housing contract. Housing and residence life has limited spaces for isolation and quarantine. Moreover, a resident may be recommended to self-isolate or quarantine in another space and will not be permitted to continue residing in their housing assignment. Removal or relocation from Housing to isolate or quarantine does not constitute a termination of the housing contract.

Conflict – In the event of a conflict between these guidelines/procedures and language in other documents, these guidelines/procedures will control and supersede existing documents.